

Tapestry Public Charter School is committed to providing safe learning environments for students and staff.

Tapestry Public Charter School is a DeKalb County public school. As such it is governed by the dictates of the District and can be no less restrictive than the District. Tapestry continues to monitor the dictates of the District as well as the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, the Department of Public Health and the Department of Education and will update this protocol as guidance changes.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) updated guidance as of 7/9/21 recommends schools continue to use the current COVID-19 prevention strategies for the 2021-2022 school year.

Key CDC recommended prevention strategies that are essential to the safe delivery of in-person instruction and to help prevent COVID-19 transmission in schools include:

1. Universal and correct use of masks.
2. Physical distancing to the greatest extent possible.
3. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.
4. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities.
5. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine.
6. Watching out for symptoms of COVID-19, especially if you've been around someone who is sick. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should get tested, stay home, and away from others.
7. Getting vaccinated.

In accordance with the decision of the DeKalb County School District, Tapestry will implement the following:

All students must wear masks when riding school buses. This requirement is consistent with the CDC recommendations that all persons should wear masks when utilizing public transportation.

Masks are **required** for middle and high school students as well as for all staff. DeKalb County has determined that, although masks for fully vaccinated staff and students (12 and over) are optional per CDC guidance, out of an abundance of caution, masks will be required in all buildings.

Staff or students exhibiting symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will not be permitted into the building and/or will be sent home.

Staff or students that present with symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home away from others and seek care from their healthcare provider.

Wearing masks are **required** for the After School for activities occurring indoors. Masks are

optional for activities held outside.

Masks are **optional** for athletic sports activities. Masks are **required** in lockers rooms, and weight rooms. Athletic teams are required to follow all protocols established by the Georgia High School Association for safety at sporting events.

Masks are **required** for all clubs that meet indoors. Masks are **optional** for activities held outside.

If a staff or student discovers that they have been exposed to COVID-19 and have not been vaccinated they will be asked to provide a negative test result prior to returning.

If a staff or student has been identified as having a positive test result, they will be required to quarantine for 10 days. Tapestry will work with student families to minimize any learning loss resulting from the quarantine. The school community will be notified about the positive result. Contract tracing and notification will be provided in accordance with guidance from the Department of Health.

ADDITIONAL MITIGATION STRATEGIES

The Building will continue to be maintained and cleaned in accordance with CDC guidance.

There are hand sanitizing stations throughout the building. In addition, there is ample hand sanitizer in each classroom for use by students and staff.

The school has a significant supply of reusable and disposable masks for staff and students. These will be distributed to both staff and students.

Students will be encouraged to stay on the right side of the hallways during class transitions.

Students and staff will be reminded and encouraged to maintain social distancing and desks will be placed in classrooms so as to facilitate distancing in accordance with current CDC guidance.

Merv 13 filters have been installed throughout the building to filter air.

3 needlepoint bipolar ionization systems have been installed to facilitate air circulation and sterilization.

Each classroom has windows that open and windows will be opened during transition periods.

Students will be provided with sanitizing wipes as they enter the classroom to wipe their desks at each transition.

We are looking forward to a great school year and appreciate the efforts of the Tapestry Community in maintaining the safety and security of our staff and students.